



Construction of South County Library will be complete in December and the transition to South County will begin when the 419/Headquarters Library closes to the public for the final time at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 16.

It will take two weeks to complete the move, which includes computers, supplies, furniture, and more than 130,000 books.

South County will officially open to the public at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3. Please plan to join and celebrate with us that day.

Please use this brochure to help plan a smooth transition to this exciting new library!

Your Questions Answered

When is the last day to check out items from the 419 Library? You can check out books and other items until 6 p.m. on Friday, December 16.

How can I return those items after the 419 Library is closed? While items will not be due during the transition period, you can still drop off your items at any after-hours bookdrop or library within the Roanoke Valley Libraries (RVL) system, which includes libraries in Roanoke County, Botetourt County, and the cities of Roanoke and Salem. Please note that the 419 bookdrop box will close when South County opens on January 3.

Will South County have different operating hours than the 419 Library? South County will have the same hours as the 419 Library:

- Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

How will reserved items be handled? While the library is closed, please have your reserved items sent to other libraries in the Roanoke Valley Libraries system for pick up.

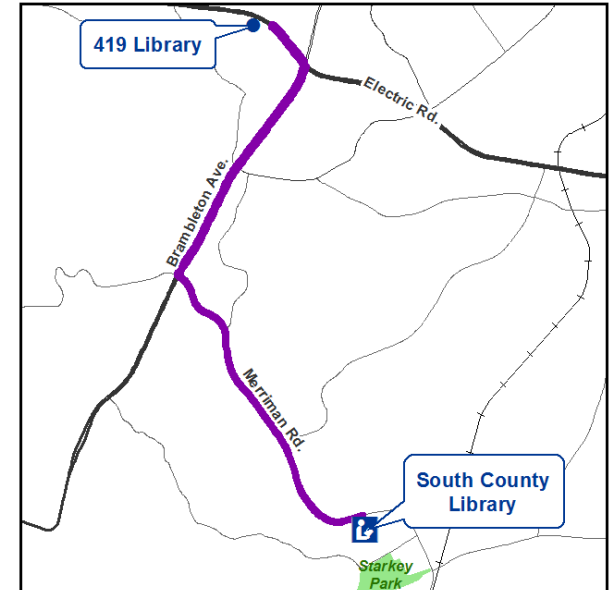
How about book donations? We love your gently used items for our book sale but ask that you hold onto them until January 9. They can easily be delivered to the back dock, which is at the far end of the building from the parking lot entrance.

Where is the closest library if I need to use a computer or check out a book or movie? Roanoke City's Raleigh Court Branch is located at 2112 Grandin Road in front of Patrick Henry High School. Their telephone number is 853-2240 and their hours of operation are:

- Sunday, Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where is South County Library located?

South County is at 6303 Merriman Road and less than three miles from the 419 Library. It is directly across from Penn Forest Elementary School.



1. Turn right out of 419 Library parking lot. Turn right at second light onto Brambleton Avenue. Go 1.0 miles.
2. Turn left at the intersection with Cave Spring Middle School/Cave Spring Baptist Church onto Ranchcrest Road. Continue on Ranchcrest, which changes into Merriman Road, for 1.5 miles.
3. After passing through a stand of trees on Merriman Road, South County Library is on the right.

What's Different?

Situated on almost 30 largely undeveloped acres, South County will be unlike any library in Virginia. Aside from being three times larger than the 419/Headquarters Library with three times as many parking spaces, here are the features that set South County apart from the former 419/Headquarters Library:

Drive-through Pick-up Window: Call an hour ahead and reserve a book, then pick it up at the drive-through window. You never have to leave your car.

After-hours Book Lockers: Can't get by South County during open hours? Request that your book be put in a book locker, making early morning or late evening pick up easy.

Public Computers and Printers: Computer wait times will be dramatically cut or eliminated altogether with the addition of more than three times the current number of public computers. Self-pay printers mean there's no more waiting for staff to print your copies for you. The fees will not change — 10¢ for black-and-white copies and 25¢ for color. The printers will accept United States coins and dollar bills, but not credit cards.

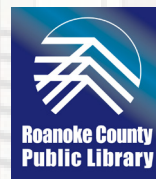
Expanded Children's Area: Both toddlers and children will enjoy the whimsical Children's Area, with its expanded collection, new activity stations, and spacious story time room.

Teen Center: Teens now have their own space, complete with their own computers and gaming systems.

Quiet Spaces: There is a quiet reading room (with fireplace!) and two private study rooms on the second floor. The study rooms can be used by an individual for a total of two hours a day.

Two Floors/Two Service Desks: Hot Picks, Hot Flicks, movies and audiobooks, Children's Area, and some of the computers will be located on the first floor. The second floor will contain adult fiction and non-fiction, mysteries and science fiction, a quiet reading room, the reference collection, the rest of the computers, Computer Lab, and the Teen Center. You'll see the same friendly faces at the service desks, which are located on both floors. Access to each floor is by elevator or the center staircase.

The Commons: The Commons contains two spacious meeting rooms, a 200-seat auditorium, the Friends Store, and a coffee shop operated by Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea. There is interior seating in the public area of The Commons as well as patio seating on the outdoor terrace. Because The Commons has a separate security system, the coffee shop can be open extended hours.



Roanoke County Public Library

South County/Headquarters
6303 Merriman Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24018
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roanokecountyva.gov/library

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